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TAGS: CASC: DAVID ARTHUR KOPP
SUBJ: STATUS REPORT - KOPP DISAPPEARANCE CASE

REF: MONTREAL 1509 AND PREVIOUS

1. OUR EFFORTS, THROUGH SPAO, TO EXTEND PRESS COVERAGE OF KOPP DISAPPEARANCE PARTLY SUCCESSFUL. MAJOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY, MONTREAL STAR, SEPTEMBER 16, PUBLISHED BRIEF ARTICLE INDICATING LAVAL POLICE SEEKING KOPP AND ST. ARNAUD. UNFORTUNATELY, ARTICLE DID NOT INCLUDE DESCRIPTION OR PHOTOGRAPH.

2. EMBASSY OTTAWA LEARNED SEPTEMBER 28 THROUGH LEGATT THAT RCMP HEADQUARTERS HAD NOT REPEAT NOT RECEIVED ANY FORMAL REQUEST TO PUBLISH OR DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION ON KOPP'S DESCRIPTION AND OTHER PERTINENT DATA ON HIS DISAPPEARANCE.

3. WE HAVE NOT YET INFORMED PARENTS OF ABOVE AS WE NEED DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE BEFORE DOING SO. IF PARENTS WISH FURTHER ACTION TAKEN, EITHER TO PUBLICIZE DISAPPEARANCE IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRESS OR TO BROADEN SEARCH THROUGH RCMP, TWO ALTERNATIVES EXIST. WE COULD PROVIDE APPROPRIATE NAMES AND ADDRESSES FOR PARENTS TO WRITE TO REQUEST ACTION. PRESS NOTICES WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE TO BE IN FORM OF PAID ADVERTISEMENTS AND RCMP MIGHT BE UNCLASSIFIED

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LESS RECEPTIVE TO INQUIRY COMING ONLY THROUGH PRIVATE US CITIZEN, THAN TO OFFICIAL REQUEST. ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE FOC CONGEN TO ATTEMPT PURSUE ISSUE WITH PRESS AND POSSIBLY REPEAT POSSIBLY OBTAIN BETTER FREE COVERAGE WITH STORY UNDOUBTEDLY INDICATING THAT CONGEN IS SOURCE OF REQUEST. SIMILARLY, EMBASSY OTTAWA MIGHT BE ABLE TO OBTAIN RCMP INVOLVEMENT BY MAKING FORMAL REQUEST. BEFORE CONSIDERING DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN THIS MANNER, WISH TO RESOLVE

QUESTION OF PRIVACY ACT. KOPP IS OVER 21 AND PRESUMABLY COMPETENT AT TIME OF DISAPPEARANCE. THERE IS STILL NO REPEAT NO EVIDENCE THAT THERE WAS ANY FOUL PLAY OR ANY INDICATION OF SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES OTHER THAN SIMPLE FACT OF DISAPPEARANCE ITSELF. IT REMAINS A POSSIBILITY, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF ALLEGATIONS OF DRUG INVOLVEMENT, THAT KOPP WANTED TO QUOTE DISAPPEAR END QUOTE. DO WE VIOLATE HIS RIGHT TO PRIVACY BY FORMAL AND ATTRIBUTABLE INVOLVEMENT IN EFFORTS TO PUBLICIZE DISAPPEARANCE AND BROADEN SEARCH?

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE SOONEST.
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